

March 2014

Discovery

Club of California Newsletter

Susan Salit, Editor



A Chapter of FMCA



Alan
Johnston
President

President's Message

A great time was had by all who attended our last outing at Flying Flags RV resort in Buellton. We all thank the Trail Bosses the Aragons and the Teixeiras, who, with help from the Edmunds, planned and put on a great outing. The weather was wonderful, the grass was green, and our meals were excellent. The turnout was good with ten rigs attending. The days were spent in various ways with the women shopping and the men visiting. The area has many excellent restaurants and the two picked by our trail bosses for breakfast and dinner were outstanding. We had two great catered dinners and one wonderful pancake breakfast cooked by our hosts.

During the business meeting there was a discussion about the number of rigs needed to be a FMCA sponsored club. Our national Director, Ray Ouellette said he would find out and give us a report at the next meeting.

Officers

Alan Johnston - President
Carl Johnson - Vice President
Jackie Ouellette - Secretary
Marilyn Turner - Treasurer
Ray Ouellette - National Director
Gary Brown - Alternate National Director

We look forward to seeing all of you again, at the next outing.

Alan

Member News



WAGONMASTER'S REPORT



JANUARY 14 - 17, 2014 RALLY AT AVI CASINO KOA RV RESORT

It's hard to believe that we are about to have our March Rally and I'm just now writing my report. Our January Rally took place at a KOA campground under management of the AVI Casino Resort and is located about 11 miles south of Laughlin, NV. The turnout of 8 RVs was disappointing, but we made the best of it. Unfortunately, our hosts (trail bosses) Harry and Susan Salit and John and Marsha Swanson prepared activities and made arrangements for meals hoping for a larger group of Discovery members. Every day we were there the wind blew so bad we really couldn't sit outside and socialize during our routine happy hour periods, so we all just tracked on down to the casino (walking distance) to eat dinner and breakfast and gamble. The breakfast price was \$2.99 for two eggs, ham, hash browns, toast and coffee with a casino club card.

On Wednesday afternoon we managed to gather around outside in our chairs between the Salit's and Swanson's motor homes to help block the wind and had our happy hour session. During that time our guests, Lon and Christine Cross, representatives of FMCA, presented our club with a certificate recognizing the

Discovery Club's 15 year anniversary. The presentation was made to our President Alan Johnson followed with some picture taking with some of the long time members and co-founders of the club, Norm and Evelyn Teixeira. After the presentation we all went over to the AVI Casino for dinner and more gambling.

Thursday we had our morning breakfast at the casino at everyone's leisure. After breakfast the board members that were present had a quick meeting inside Carl and Mary Johnson's motorhome because the wind was so bad.

A membership meeting followed and because of the wind we could not sit outside so we all squeezed into Leo & Marian Aragon's motorhome for a short meeting. The minutes of the meeting should be available on our website.

We will have our next rally in March 18 - 21 at the Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton, CA. Then our 15th anniversary celebration rally will be in May at the Pechanga RV Resort.

LEO ARAGON

Wagon Master

FMCA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



FMAC NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We had another fun filled rally at Flying Flags Buellton, I gained another few pounds thanks to the great catered food and fabulous restaurant gatherings.

We had nine (9) rigs in attendance even though we still have a membership number of twenty-four (24). Some members have recently sold their motorhomes, others had health issues and some were on vacation. Our membership will no doubt be reduced when the time comes to collect dues this coming January unless we get new members.

We are currently a chartered chapter of the FMCA . Our elected officers include a National Director who votes in the FMCA affairs. In order to continue this status, we are required to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) rigs. In the event our membership falls below the minimum, we will then become an "ASSOCIATE CHAPTER" providing we maintain a minimum of seven (7) rigs.

The only difference would be that we would no longer have a national director or associate national director and have no vote in the FMCA governing affairs. All other benefits would remain the same. Our board would consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

I don't anticipate that we will get below the 15 rig minimum in the immediate future but we must maintain a minimum of 7 rigs in order to maintain the FMCA benefits afforded to our club. I think the ideal number of rigs for a rally is between 10 and 15. Most R. V. resorts provide a significant discounted site fee for 10 plus rigs. Some resorts like Pechanga require a minimum of 5 rigs for the discount and access to the club house.

In summary, we have a great club. I hope you enjoy these rallies as much as I do. If you know of someone you would recommend to our club, please ask them to join us in the fun. Refer them to our website for additional information and application. <http://www.discoveryclubonline.com/> currently being updated. See you at Pechanga for our 15 year celebration.

Ray-O National Director

AVI CASINO RALLY

Who came:

Trail Bosses - Harry & Susan Salit, John & Marsha Swanson

Leo & Marion Aragon
Gary & Carrie Brown
Ed & Joan Edman
Carl & Mary Johnson
Alan & Joanne Johnston
Harry & Susan Salit
John & Marsha Swanson
Norm & Evelyn Teixeira

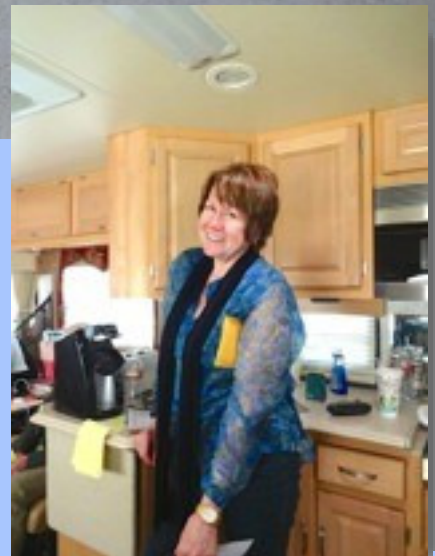
The Swansons signing up to play.

A sheltered happy hour.

A slight problem with the car.



Meetings inside, too windy.





Lon Cross presents the 15 Year Anniversary Certificate to the Teixeiras who are founding members of the club.



Flying Flags Rally

Buellton, CA







**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

January 16, 2014
AVI Resort and Casino, Laughlin, NV



The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Alan Johnston. Alan then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alan began the meeting by thanking Trail Bosses John and Marsha Swanson and Harry and Susan Salit for the wonderful rally. He then introduced Lon Cross, FMCA, Jackie Western Motor Home Assoc. Southern Area Vice President. Lon presented a 15 year Certificate to Ouellette the Club. President Johnston has Certificate. Lon also gave to the club water bottles and Indio ^{Secretary} FMCA pins.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette was absent. Approval of the September 2013 minutes will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner was absent. Wagon Master Leo Aragon gave verbal report from Marilyn, stating as of Jan. 8, 2014 balance in the account is \$7,763. Approval of the Treasurers report will be at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon gave the following report:

March 18-21, 2014 Rally in Buellton, CA. Trail Bosses Aragon's and Teixeria's. May 13-16, 2014 Rally at Pechanga RV, Temecula. Trail Bosses Ouellette's and Johnson's. There will be a 15 year Club Anniversary at this rally.

Sept. 16-19, 2014 Rally in Bakersfield. Trail Bosses: Rody's and Valenzula's (if Barbara is better).

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit requested everyone to please send her information for the newsletter.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson reported current membership is 23 coaches.

Hospitality report was given: Glenn Turner having chest pains, seeing his heart doctor.

Chuck Walker having eye problems following eye surgery, seeing his doctor.

Ray Ouellette has bronchitis , and is under doctor's care.

Barbara Valenzula's legs are bothering her and is having trouble walking any length of time.

Ways and Means: No report

National Director: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: The will not be a DDD award at this rally.

Discussion regarding elections. President Alan Johnston will ask Ray and Jackie Ouellette to head the Nominating Committee.

The Discovery Web Site needs to be updated.

With no further business, President Alan Johnston asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Susan Salit and seconded by Carl Johnson. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson, Membership Chairman, acting Secretary for this Meeting

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**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES**

March 20, 2014

Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton, CA

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Johnston at 10:15 AM. Alan then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Johnston then thanked Trail Bosses Leo & Marion Aragon and Norm & Evelyn Teixeira for this wonderful rally.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette announced the minutes from the past two (2) meetings were posted on the bulletin board for membership review. A motion was made by Carl Johnson and seconded by Lois Jones to approve the minutes. Motion passed. Jackie also announced that our Club has received Official Certification for 2014 from FMCA.

Treasurer Marilyn Turner stated the Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board, showing a balance of \$7,064.09. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Lois Jones to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

National Director, Ray Ouellette said FMCA Western Area Director Lon Cross, presented a plaque to our Club at the January 2014 meeting commemorating the 15th Anniversary of Discovery Club of CA. He suggested we invite Mr. Cross again to our Anniversary Celebration at the May Rally. All agreed. Ray also mentioned the insurance benefits from FMCA.

Membership Chairman, Mary Johnson stated we have 22 rigs on the active roster and that we have lost 2 members who recently sold their motor homes. A discussion was held regarding making a flier to be posted at local RV dealerships recruiting new members. Mary and Jackie Ouellette will coordinate making the flier and bring copies to the next rally for members to post at their local motor home dealerships. Mary also stated dues for 2015 are due prior to Dec. 31, 2014.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit was absent. She sent a message asking for a volunteer to take over her position. She will continue until someone is chosen. There was also a discussion regarding updating the Discovery Web Site. President Alan Johnston's son has been working on the web site and needs information to be included. Please forward any articles to Alan.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon said the next Rally will be May 13-16, 2014 at the Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula. Trail Bosses will be the Ouellette's and the Johnson's. There will be a special Discovery Club 15th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday May 15th. And many of the "retired" members will be invited to attend. He also stated Sept. 16-19, 2014 Rally will be at the Bakersfield RV Resort, and that the Rody's and the Valenzuela's will be Trail Bosses. Leo then spoke of several possible places for the January 2015 Rally and he passed out a ballot form asking members to list their preferences of locations for January, and to please return to him before the end of this Rally.

Hospitality Chairman Lois Jones reported that Mary Archambeault is still on treatment for her cancer and her spirits are upbeat. She also sent out recent get well cards to Glenn Turner, Ray Ouellette and Chuck Walker. She also announced that the Ouellette's have a new great granddaughter.

Ways and Means Chairman Jackie Ouellette announced there will be a "fun" auction at the next rally - bring money!

President Johnston then asked for "New Business":

A discussion was held regarding "Dues" which are due in January 2015. A motion was made by Marilyn Turner and seconded by Marsha Swanson to change our dues to \$10. per person (\$20. per coach). Motion passed.

Jackie Ouellette, head of the Nominating Committee, asked for volunteers to serve on the board for the years 2015-16. Please contact her at the rally, by phone or email.

Discussion was held regarding covering the dinner costs of "retired guest members" at our 15th Discovery Club Anniversary Celebration. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Lois Jones to cover guests dinner costs. Motion Passed.

President Johnston requested Sheriff and DDD reports done at this meeting as dinner tonight will be at a restaurant. No fees or DDD award at this Rally. Past recipient, Chuck Walker will continue to display the DDD until the next Rally. With no further business, President Johnston adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM. Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette,
Secretary, Discovery Club of California

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Pechanga R. V. Resort Rally

Tuesday May 13, 2014 - Friday May 16, 2014

4500 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92592 Phone 951-587-0484

Trail Bosses: Ray & Jackie Ouellette - Carl & Mary Johnson

Please bring table service and your coffee cup for every meal

Tuesday May 13	3:00 PM.....Welcome & Check-in 5:00 PM.....Happy hour, BYOB 6:00 PM.....French Chicken Dinner & dessert 7:00 PM.....Wine Tasting Contest
Wednesday May 14	8:30 AM.....Breakfast-Cinnamon French Toast & Bacon 12:00 PMLunch OYO - shopping, gambling, golf 5:00 PM.....Happy Hour BYOB 6:00 PM.....Dinner - Italian Feast & dessert 7:00 PM.....Auction Fundraiser & LRC
Thursday May 15	8:30 AM.....Breakfast - Pastrami Casserole 9:30 AM.....Board Meeting 10:00 AM....General Membership Meeting 12:00 PM.....BBQ lunch at the Ouellette's house 5:00 PM.....Begin Club's 15th Anniv. Celebration Evening

6:00 PM.....Catered Pork Dinner & dessert

7:00 PM.....DDD, Surprise Entertainment

Friday May 16

8:30 AM.....Juice, muffins and goodbyes

Applications must be received by Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Rally Fee \$85.00, for two.....\$ 85.00

Parking Site Fees \$35.00 X 3

Nights.....\$105.00

Total.....\$190.00

Pet fee...\$5.00 per pet per stay....Paid Directly to RV Office

*** We will try to have a golf outing at Pechanga Golf course on Wed. morning. More info. to follow***

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of California

Mail to: Treasurer Marilyn Turner 620 Gary Place, Newport Beach, CA 92663